and the Industry Minister of Gujarat and made forceful pleas to him and the RBI Governor;

(c) if so, whether RBI has considered the proposal of the State Government;

(d) if so, whether Ministry of Finance has also given its approval; and

(e) if not, the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (e) A memorandum dated April 2, 1994 was submitted by the Chairman of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd. (SSNNL) to the Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) requesting for allowing Co-operative Banks to invest their surplus funds in the Bonds of SSNNL. Reserve Bank of India has reported that Gujarat Government under the powers vested with it under the provisions of Gujarat Co-operative Societies Act, 1961 can allow Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in Gujarat to invest their funds in the form and manner as stipulated therein. However, RBI as a matter of banking policy has not permitted UCBs to invest in Narmada Project as the Bonds/ Debentures etc. issued by SSNNL are not reckoned as approved securities for the purpose of Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to Co-operative Societies).

International Fund for Agricultural Development

6424. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) provides aid to developing countries;

(b) if so, what is the mandate and structure of this organisation;

(c) in what manner India is associated with the institution;

(d) whether some talks on restructuring the institution and obtaining more funds from it are currently going on; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and how India is going to benefit out of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) IFAD is a specialised agency of the UN established to assist in increasing food production, reduction of malnutrition and alleviation of Poverty. IFAD's present membership consists of 145 countries classified into three categories of OECD, OPEC and Developing Countries. India has been a member of IFAD since its inception.

(d) and (e) A Special Committee has been established by IFAD in connection with the 4th Replenishment of its resources, to go into the issue of Replenishment and related governance issues. India has pledged its support to the ongoing replenishment exercise and also reiterated the need for taking up more projects in India. India is also a member of the Special Committee, the recommendations of which could result in a greater role for developing countries in IFAD's governance.

Tribunals for Recovery of Bank Loan

6425. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of banks where recovery tribunals have been set up and by when the tribunals are planned to be set up in the remaining banks; and

(b) what will be the constitution of these tribunals and what are the details regarding their functioning and scope?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a)

No bank specific Recovery Tribunals have been set up.

(b) Does not arise.

Criminal Prosecution against Government Officers in Share-Scam case

6426. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are aware of the criminal prosecution by Orissa Government against its officers involved in share-scam;

(b) whether the Central Government also initiated similar action against their defaulting officers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of action taken against such officers and the nature of action taken, class-wise; and

(d) whether there are any cases of exemption from criminal prosecution and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Enquiry against Former Member of Planning Commission

6427. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a former member of Planning Commission was involved in a number of financial irregularities including foreign funds;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has started enquiry in foreign countries also with regard to these complaints; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that four cases were registered against Shri V. Krishnamurthy, Ex-Member, Planning Commission & others on the allegations of various financial irregularities. Out of these cases, chargesheets have been filed in two cases. CBI has also started enquiries in foreign countries in connection with complaints against Shri Krishnamurthy.

According to C.B.I., these cases relate to allegations of abuse of official position in getting certain banks and undertakings to extend loans and favours to the firms owned by his sons and relatives in India and abroad and on receipt of illegal gratification.

ग्रामीण विकास निधि से भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा दी गयी सहायता

6428. **श्री कनक सिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरौला:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने स्वैच्छिक संगठनों को ग्रामीण विकास निधि से कोई सहायता प्रदान की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार की सहायता दिये जाने के लिए प्रक्रिया क्या है; और

(ग) इन संगठनों के क्रियाकलाप क्या हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उसने अपनी तकनीकी सहायता निधि (टी ए एफ) से स्वैच्छिक संस्थानों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की है न कि ग्रामीण विकास निधि (आर डी एफ) से।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों को निधि की मंजूरी और उसे जारी करना उनसे प्राप्त प्रस्तावों पर आधारित होता है। ऐसी स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियां जो औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में मजदूरी/स्वरोजगार के लिए अवसर प्रदान कर दलितों के आर्थिक उन्नयन में लगी है, सहायता की पात्र हैं। पात्रता के लिए, स्वैच्छिक संस्थानों को रजिस्टर संगठन होना चाहिए तथा उनके द्वारा प्रस्तावित योजनाओं के लिए उन्हें पूंजी व्यय और आवर्ती व्यय के एक अंश की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए। 31 मार्च, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार, भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने 142